

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-45 are pending in the present application. Non-elected claims 1-6 and 12-27 have been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner. Among the elected claims, claims 7, 28 and 36 are independent claims.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 36-45 are allowed over the prior art of record.

Claim 9 has been indicated as objected to, but will be allowable. Since claim 11 depends from claim 9, claim 11 should also be indicated as allowable. The Examiner is respectfully requested to make such indication in the next Office Action.

35 U.S.C. § 103 REJECTION

Claims 7-8, 10¹ and 28-35 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,512,243).

Without acquiescing to any of the Examiner's allegations made in rejecting these claims, Applicants hereby state that Kim et al. and the presently claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same assignee. More specifically, Kim et al. is assigned to LG. Philips LCD Co.,

¹ In the Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that claims 7-11 are rejected. However, in view of the Examiner's indication of allowability of claim 9 in the same Office Action and in view that claim 11 depends from now allowable claim 9, Applicants treat this as a typographical error and traverses the rejection of only claims 7, 8 and 10 out of claim 7-11.

Ltd. as indicated on the first page of the patent. The presently claimed invention is also assigned to LG. Philips LCD Co., Ltd. (The Assignment has been properly recorded at the USPTO on April 27, 2001, Reel no. 011738, Frame no. 0068-0070). Thus, according to 35 U.S.C. § 103(c), Kim et al. cannot be used to reject the present claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Accordingly, the rejection should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

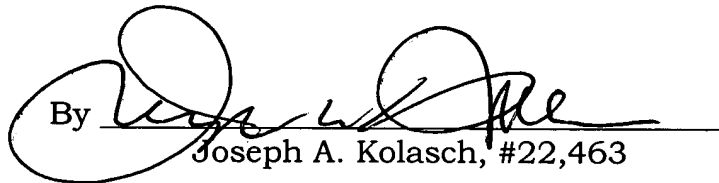
For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw all of the objections and rejections of record, and earnestly solicit an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters which need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Esther H. Chong (Registration No. 40,953) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and further replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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